

IN THE CLAIMS

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling access to data on a computer, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

accepting a request for a data item, wherein the request contains a nonce value, wherein the nonce value comprises a token that is only accepted for a limited number of requests;

determining that verifying the nonce value is valid and has been accepted for fewer than the limited number of requests; and

responding to the request by returning the data item in response to the determining that ~~if the nonce value is valid and accepted for fewer than the limited number of requests and has been previously used less than a limited number of times.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 5, further comprising: ~~the step of~~

charging an entity in response to returning the data item ~~upon performance of the step of responding in conjunction with the use of the nonce value.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 5, wherein the nonce value comprises an expiration time and wherein the determining further determines that the nonce value has not expired.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 5, wherein ~~step of verifying the determining that the nonce value is valid and accepted for fewer than the limited number of requests further~~ comprises comparing the nonce value to a list of stored and valid nonce values.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the list of stored and valid nonce values is shared with an entity that originated the data request.

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10-15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling access to data on a computer, the system comprising:

a request receiver for accepting a request for a data item, wherein the request contains a nonce value, and wherein the nonce value comprises a token that is only accepted for a limited number of requests;

a nonce verifier for ~~verifying~~ determining that the nonce value is valid and has been accepted for fewer than the limited number of requests; and

a response generator for responding to the request by returning the data item in response to the determining that if the nonce value is valid and accepted for fewer than the limited number of requests and has been previously used less than a limited number of times.

17. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 16, further comprising:

a billing module for charging an entity in response to returning the data item in conjunction with the ~~upon use of the nonce value for the onetime access.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 16, wherein the nonce value comprises an expiration time and wherein the nonce verifier further determines that the nonce value has not expired.

19. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 16, wherein nonce verifier ~~verifying~~ further comprises means for comparing the nonce value to a stored list of valid nonce values.

20. (Original) The system according to claim 19, wherein the stored list of valid nonce values is shared with an entity that originated the data request.

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21-26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium including computer instructions for controlling communications access to computer, the computer instructions comprising instructions for:

accepting a request for a data item, wherein the request contains a nonce value, wherein the nonce value comprises a token that is only accepted for a limited number of requests;

determining that verifying the nonce value is valid and has been accepted for fewer than the limited number of requests; and

responding to the request by returning the data item in response to the determining that if the nonce value is valid and accepted for fewer than the limited number of requests and has been previously used less than a limited number of times.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 27, further comprising instructions for:

charging an entity in response to returning the data item upon use of the nonce value ~~for the onetime access.~~

29. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 27, wherein the nonce value comprises an expiration time and wherein the instructions for determining further comprise instructions for determining that the nonce value has not expired.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 27, wherein ~~step of verifying the instructions for determining that the nonce value is valid~~ and has been accepted for fewer than the limited number of requests further comprise instructions for comprises comparing the nonce value to a list of stored and valid nonce values.

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31. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 30, wherein the list of stored and valid nonce values is shared with an entity that originated the data request.

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